

said rest member; further including an auxiliary surface associated therewith and said body part is an arm positioned on said rest member.

38. (Newly added-Replacing claims 28, 27, 26, etc.) A system for assisting a person to have a lower limb adopt a reclined position from a sitting position, comprising a surface upon which said person is to be seated; and means for elevating said lower limb of said person to a level permitting the transfer of said lower limb to a reclined position on said surface; wherein the means for transferring is positioned on a floor-based platform, further including a support for said lower limb and means for continuously elevating said support with respect to said platform by elevating said support and permit the transfer of said lower limb to said surface, with said support being depressible in level condition to the vicinity of said platform after said lower limb has been transferred.

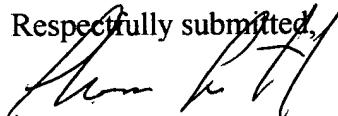
REMARKS

Applicant has noted the allowance of claims 11-16, 18-20 and 31-36, and the objections to claim 4 and 28-30. In order to place the case in condition for allowance, claim 4 has been re-written in independent form as replacement claim 37, together with the cancellation of claims 1 and 3. Retained claims formerly dependent from claim 1 have been made dependent from claim 37.

Similarly in view of the objection to claim 28, this claim has been re-written in independent form as replacement claim 38, together with the cancellation of claim 21 and its dependent claims.

With the action that has been taken it would appear that the entire case is now in condition for allowance.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant at the number given below if there are any questions or comments.

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